



Carolyn's Corner

It's not news but . . .
The old year of the forty-niners rang out with the stroke of midnight; and the accompaniment of shrill whistles, honking horns, and the joyous, relieved countenances of surrounding crowds marked the turning of the half century. Holidays are over and a new year head-lights our way. Why not throw away the soiled pages of the preceding year and start anew with no signs of a new year hangover. Resolve to make this year one which can be looked back on with pride—O. K?

Just a Slip . . .
Mr. Hunt, at his usual routine of checking absentee excuses, happened to blink twice one morning when the following excuse was brought to him. "Please excuse for he was sick yesterday." Reluctantly Mr. Hunt arose from his desk as if to "put the heat on," smiled and calmly pronounced sentence—excused! Just a slip of the pen . . .

Andy Get Your Flashbulb . . .
It seems as if editor Slate and her co-workers are really in a spin these days with the PEMICAN deadline set for February 1. Recently covers for the '50 annual were selected. By the way, the misleading color is "purple."

Business manager Snider, and her staff members have topped all previous records in the sale of advertisements, which total \$3,000. Bouquets to Miss Holar, "Peppy," and Andy, who greet their tasks with a smile . . .

Sophomore Scare . . .
Before I heard my teacher tell the dangers of a kiss, I had considered kissing you the nearest thing to bliss; but now I know biology. I sit and sigh and moan, six-million bacteria, and I thought we were alone.—Green Lights

Y-Teens To Learn Baby-Sitting

Members of the Y-Teen clubs will learn the professional manner of child care in the annual Baby-Sitting Course which will be held in the local Y.W.C.A. for one hour a week starting the middle of January and lasting until the middle of February.

This baby-sitting course has been taught each year by public health nurses. Teen-age girls will receive training in the correct way to dress, feed, bathe, and hold a baby. At the end of a month of lectures and demonstrations those girls who have been present at three out of four meetings and who have qualified by passing a series of tests will receive certificates. These certificates will entitle the Y-Teens who have earned them, to have their names recorded on a child care aid registry. This registry will serve as a reference for mothers who wish to hire baby sitters. For the convenience of mothers the registry will be kept in the office of the Y.W.C.A., where they may refer to it to find the names of girls who live near them and can conveniently serve as baby sitters.

Orchestra Group To Make Trip

Miss Virginia Frank has announced that twenty members of the high school orchestra will journey to St. Louis, Missouri, where they will play for the bi-annual Music Educators' Conference, which will be held on March 18.

A combined orchestra of one hundred members from North Carolina will represent the state at the conference. Those selected from High Point are members of the N. C. all-state orchestra. At least five thousand music educators from all over the United States will be present for this meeting. Orchestra members will make the trip to St. Louis by train, and three special coaches will be reserved for them.

Members of the high school orchestra will try to raise at least \$500 in order to make the trip. This will be done by presenting a series of three dances in the Junior High gym.

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The above scene was snapped during play rehearsal for "The Saturday Evening Ghost." Characters are, left to right: Janet Blair, Arch McMullan, Max Williams, Betty Clarke Dillon, Albert Hale, Ramelle Hylton, Jim Lovelace, and Betzi Morris.

'Saturday Evening Ghost' Given; Capacity Audience Attends

Whew! A sigh of relief goes up from the junior play cast and Miss Amy Franklin, now that The Saturday Evening Ghost has had two successful public appearances.

The weeks of persistent practice and memorizing of scripts by the cast members were well rewarded Friday and Saturday nights by the approving applause and chuckles heard from the capacity audiences.

This three-act comedy by Tom Taggart was based on Oscar Wilde's story, "The Canterville Ghost." The setting was an ancient English castle in the present day. Hiram Otis, played by Max Williams, rented a castle from Lord Canterville. Rich Mr. Otis abandoned his Chicago home to insure the safety of his children from threatening kidnappers. Instead of finding peace and quiet, he found that the castle was haunted.

Betty Clarke Dillon, as Mrs. Otis, the cautious and domineering mother of three, hoped to find a distinguished husband for her oldest daughter. Al Hale played the part of a man with a "split personality." He portrayed Lord Canterville and the ghost, Sir Simon. Simon had haunted the castle over three hundred years.

Virginia, Ramelle Hylton, characterized the oldest Otis offspring; and because of her romantic inclination, became an admirer of Sir Simon.

The impish Otis twins, Sonny-Boy and Pet, endlessly plotted traps for the ghost. Arch McMullan and Janet Blair, as the twins, stole the hearts of the audience.

Lord Archibald Archibald, alias Jimmy Lovelace, portrayed the role of a distinguished English nobleman whom Mrs. Otis wanted for a son-in-law. Betzi Morris in the role of the housekeeper, Mrs. Umney, completed the eight-member cast.

Miss Amy Franklin received two dozen red roses and a compact from the play cast in appreciation of her work. Mary "Lib" Casey, student director, Norma Jean Ansell and Delores Lain, who were prompters, attended all rehearsals. Also helping to make the production a success were Jean Larcom, Johnny Bell, Faye Meadows, committee chairmen, and their committee members.

Radio Workshop To Start Soon

Attention! Here is news for all students interested in radio work.

A plan is underway for a radio workshop for interested students, to be held in the area below the stage in the auditorium each Wednesday, beginning in the near future.

This workshop will be open to students from study halls, or other areas in the school, who are working on programs for the radio.

The workshop will be under the supervision of a different teacher each period. It is the plan of the radio council that the teachers in charge will receive instruction from local radio people and will pass this on to interested students.

Books and other radio aids are being ordered by the library and will be at the disposal of the students.

Ensemble To Play Over WHPS Soon

The Hungry Five are being presented over WHPS on January 31. Now don't back away. They won't eat you. . . they aren't that hungry!

The radio program will be the second engagement of this musical quintet. Their first appearance was for the Fall Festival at the First Methodist Church. Making up this group are Jerry Anderson, Peggy Tobias, clarinets; Buddy Bullock, bass; Budd Montgomery, cornet; and Barry Ruth, trombone.

The program roster includes four selections: "Finale to William Tell Overture," "Hi-Lee, Hi-Lo," "Come on with the Beer," and "They're Off." Bruce Bailey and James Hayes will take charge between numbers as co-masters-of-ceremony.

Exam. Schedule

January 17—English Science D. O.
January 18—Mathematics Foreign Language Commercial Arts
January 19—Social Studies Home Economics Industrial Arts Music
January 25—Report Cards

Legion To Hold Speaking Contest

Opportunity knocks for all high school students interested in public speaking; the American Legion is again sponsoring its annual oratorical contest.

The contests have been held since 1938, when eleven states participated, and have rapidly increased in popularity, forty-four states having participated last year with 300,000 students.

Each school participating holds a contest, and the winner represents his school in the county elimination contest. The representative winning is eligible for district competition, and the winners of the district contests are eligible for the state finals, which will be held March 17.

The contestant winning first prize in state competition receives a \$500 bond; runner up, a \$100 bond.

The state representative then enters national competition. The person winning the National contest receives a \$4,000 scholarship; the second, a \$2,000 scholarship.

The subject to be used for the oration must be some phase of the Constitution of the United States. All orations must be the original efforts of the contestants.

The school contest must be held on or before February 20.

'The Pearls Of Pauline' To Be Theme For '50 Talent Show

Council Plans Career Week

The Social Standards Conference, an annual project sponsored by the Upper House, has been scheduled for February 6. The purpose of this project is to acquaint students with various vocational fields and the necessity of sufficient preparation before entering a vocation.

The conference will continue from February 6-10 and be referred to as "Evaluation Week." Present plans are to spend one hour each day in an assembly or panel discussion and the remainder of the day in regular classes. In former years only one day was used for the conference. The purpose for extending the program over a week's period is to stimulate more enthusiasm among students.

This year upper and lower classes will be separated in panel discussions. Freshmen and sophomores will attend panels together, and the juniors and seniors.

Since November, Upper House representatives with the help of Mr. Nile Hunt, Mrs. Clara Harrison, and Mr. Paul Walter have been making plans for the conference. Invitations to the speakers were issued last week. Also a technical motion picture has been ordered for the occasion. This film will be shown free of charge to the entire student body.

Class Mascot To Be Chosen

On January 23 the high school auditorium may resemble a kindergarten, when the senior class meets for the purpose of selecting a boy or girl for class mascot.

Any member of the senior class is eligible to sponsor a candidate, if he has given his name to Miss Ruth Goodman, senior class adviser.

Mascot candidates should be between the ages of three and six. It is suggested that the children be well-behaved and not at all timid. Also they should have pleasing personalities and some particular talent, because each candidate will be expected to present some form of entertainment, such as singing, dancing, or any other original act.

Last year, four-year-old Jerry Armstrong was the class mascot.

Student Council Buys New Flag

Soon a new set of stars and stripes will be flying over High Point High School.

After seeing the tattered and torn flag being raised each morning, the student council decided to buy a new one.

On January 5, Mr. D. P. Whitley placed an order for a new flag, which will be 8x12 in size and of better quality than the last one.

'Pointer' Reporter Boards Choo-Choo To Cotton Bowl

By TOM BEAVER

At two o'clock on the morning of December 28, two lonely figures boarded the streamliner choo-choo (Train, not Justice). This pair was Albert Sawyer and Yours Truly, bound for the Cotton Bowl via New Orleans. We arrived there about 9:00 p. m., immediately blundered our way into a taxicab and zoomed off to our gilt-edged hotel. We then checked our bags at this establishment and ambled out into Canal Street, which has the distinction of being the widest avenue in the United States, although a person with 20-20 vision can see across on a clear day. Making the trek across this boulevard without food and water is quite a feat in itself; but being strong and healthy, we emerged alive and entered the famous French Quarter, where practically anything and everything can happen, and usually does. Here we saw many of the "educational" and "historic" sights of New Orleans.

When we walked into the lobby of our hotel on Thursday, we were confronted by a sight that took us somewhat aback, for we saw two rather well-known personages of the movie world. This pair was Richard Widmark and Paul Douglas. We immediately squared our shoulders and approached them for their autographs, expecting to be given cold stares. However, Douglas was most cordial. Widmark was Widmark.

During our stay, we enjoyed much of the well-known French Cuisine, eating at Antoinette, The Court of Two Sisters, and other well-known hash houses.

We reluctantly left that interesting town on Friday, December

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Tryouts Will Be Held After Semester Ends

Lights! Camera! Action! Curtain going up on the talent show of 1950. Yes, work has begun on the presentation of "The Pearls of Pauline," which is the title of this year's talent show.

Three weeks before Christmas, a script committee was organized and began writing the show. This committee is being advised by faculty member, Mr. Paul B. Walter. Jerry Paschal, vice-president of the student council, is committee chairman. The other members are as follows: Bill Craig, Shirley Ray Gallimore, Jack "Butterball" Petty, Anne Welch, Buddy Nance, Carolyn Andrews, Bill McGuinn, and Marty Burton.

Students knowing of any person in the high school with some special talent that should be displayed in this program should contact one of the members of the script committee. The talent used in the show will definitely be confined to that of H. P. H. S. students.

After completion of the script, tryouts and auditioning will be held for those students who have expressed a desire to take part in the program. The script committee, with the aid of faculty members, will also act as the auditioning committee.

The student council, which is sponsoring the show, is the steering committee for the whole program.

No definite date has been set for the show, but it will probably be held in the early spring.

Caps And Gowns To Be Ordered

Measurements for senior caps and gowns will be taken Friday, February 3, by Mr. C. T. Chiles of McCarty and Simon, located in New York City.

For the past seven years McCarty and Simon has furnished seniors of H.P.H.S. with caps and gowns. As usual, the color of the gowns will be royal blue, and adorning the caps will be white tassels. Only those seniors who have made definite plans to graduate will be measured.

Students will be measured either during English class period or during study halls. Mr. Chiles states that he can measure about thirty students in five minutes. This is possible, as only the head size, and length of the gown will be taken.

Each senior who is measured will pay a rental fee of two dollars. Caps and gowns will be shipped from New York City to High Point several weeks before school closes in order for seniors to have their pictures made in them.

When school closes, graduating students will wear their caps and gowns for both the commencement sermon and the graduating exercises.